

**REMARKS**

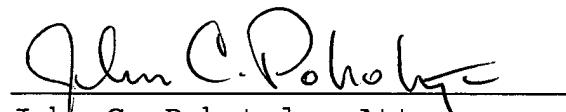
Please enter the foregoing amendments before examining this application. A request for a three (3) month extension of time is being filed concurrently in parent patent application serial no. 09/583,660 to ensure co-pendency. In the event that the request is not effective, the applicant requests a three (3) month extension of time in the parent application and authorizes the Office to charge the deposit account of Straub & Pokotylo, deposit account no. 50-1049, for such an extension.

**Conclusion**

The applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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